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Shared Flowers Hearten Rose Manor Shut-Ins

Residents of Rose Manor, home for elderly women, were among the many heartened yesterday by bountiful supplies of spring blossoms donated by Greater Victoria gardeners and collected by volunteer drivers through The Daily Colonist Share the Flowers plan. Admiring flowers are, from left, Mrs. Caroline Boice, Mrs. Clara Pettersen, Mrs. Florence Neal, Mrs. Rose Crockford, Mrs. Middleton Sharpe, Mrs. Anne Brakes, Mrs. Isabella Young, Mrs. A. Simpson, Mrs. Ida Rogers and Mrs. Emma Rogers. See story on Page 2.—(Colonist photo)

'Bargain' Parkers Off Hook . . Police Will Rip Up Tickets

Police have been ordered to tear up tickets recently put on cars parked on downtown streets where meters are temporarily missing.

Protests of motorists and businessmen yesterday resulted in Police Commissioner William J. Hamilton ordering police to waive tickets issued for this reason.

The city parking bylaw prohibits parking except at meters in the metered section of the city.

Many meters have been ripped up as the present underground wiring project goes ahead. Temporary paving has been restored but not the meters, in many cases.

Until the underground wiring project is finished, police should use discretion in ticketing cars found in the blank spaces, said Commissioner Hamilton.

He also appealed to drivers to be discreet in their use of the spaces.

A storm of protest blew up Thursday when many drivers found tickets on their cars for parking at unmetered spaces. Most hadn't heard about the section of the bylaw invloved. They complained that they had not been warned and that temporary "No parking" signs should have been erected.

But "all-day" parkers in the areas in question will still be liable for ticketing.

Sub-Killer Limps Home With Boiler Out of Action

Mishap in Pacific Halts Halifax-Bound Kootenay

Canada's newest navy sub-killer is making its way back to Esquimalt at reduced speed this morning after an undisclosed mishap put one boiler out of action.

HMCS Kootenay sailed out of Esquimalt Harbor at 11 a.m. yesterday, bound for Halifax. It was the destroyer escort's first taste of the ocean proper. She was turned over to the RCN on March 7 by the builders, Burrard Dry Dock of North Vancouver.

BOILER TROUBLE

A naval spokesman at Pacific Command headquarters said last night the Kootenay radioed it had developed boiler trouble about 6.30 p.m. Her position was approximately 100 miles southwest of Victoria.

The message said no one was injured and the Kootenay was returning to Esquimalt for a survey of damage and repairs to the boiler. She is due to dock at 8.30 a.m.

SERIOUS TROUBLE

The naval spokesman said the report indicated "fairly serious trouble," but he pointed out that destroyer escorts normally steam on only one boiler to make economical speed. The damaged ship was reported to be making just under 12 knots late last night.

Earlier yesterday, the RCN's Pacific Coast sub-killer fleet was enlarged with arrival of the destroyer escorts Saguenay and St. Laurent from Halifax. Their arrival gives the Second Canadian Escort Squadron a strength of seven St. Laurent-class ships.

GEORGE MASTERS
. . . bed shortage critical

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Star Show Open

Public observing periods at the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory on Little Saanich Mountain will begin again today.

From then until the end of November, visitors will be welcome each Saturday evening, from 8 to 10 p.m. at first and from 9 to 11 p.m. in the daylight-saving-time period.

Big City Loses Tax Race to Us

Vancouver hasn't the biggest of everything in B.C.

This year, reluctantly but almost certainly, Victoria is going to outdo Vancouver in taxation of the average home-owner.

Vancouver city council set its 1959 mill-rates this week, and the average home-owner there learned that his taxes for general purposes this year will be $140.51 and his taxes for school purposes $90.53, a total of $231.04.

TAXES HIGHER

A home-owner in Victoria with property of the same value—land assessed at $1,407, improvements at $4,392—paid taxes totalling $223.30 last year, and a total tax-rate increase of two mills this year would make his taxes higher than his Vancouver counterpart's.

Victoria officials fear there may be an increase of almost that much in the school mill-rate alone, and the general-purposes rate is considered certain to rise.

NOT WORRIED

But Mayor Percy Scurrah isn't worried about this year's tax situation, he said yesterday. He's concerned.

The Colonist had reported the mayor and aldermen were worried.

"There's no object in being worried, but I am concerned," he said. "Worrying over it isn't going to help the situation."

The mayor said council couldn't let the tax rate rise five or six mills, but would just have to cut back. Cutting back services, he indicated, was a prospect he didn't like.

Gold Mine 'Agent' Traced to U.S.

James Harris McKee, the man sought by the provincial government securities department to explain what has happened to $305,630 invested by B.C. and Ontario Baptists in Fraser River gold mining ventures, is in Santa Rosa, Calif.

That is the information given to The Daily Colonist yesterday by J. Stewart Smith, superintendent of brokers for B.C.

He said that on his information, a Vancouver frauds detail detective yesterday picked up records of McKee deals from offices of Mr. McKee's personal accountant, A. L. Bruyneel.

Meanwhile, it was learned in Toronto that Elliott Stedelbauer and Rev. Gerald Gragson, an Anglican missioner, have resigned from Freedom Foundation of Canada, bringing to six the number of officers who have left the anti-Communist, anti-fluoridation group after learning of the unsuccessful gold-mining venture.

'Paper Hanger' Sought

A fast-moving "paper hanger" who has left a trail of worthless cheques along a route from Courtenay to Duncan—at last tally—is being sought by Vancouver Island RCMP.

Police described the cheque passer as "an old pro," who is reported to have victimized 26 firms for more than $1,000.

MARILYN NORMAN

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Seen In Passing

Marilyn Norman busy at her typewriter. (She's a secretary at Memorial Arena. She and her husband, **Gerald,** live at 1616 Earle with their two children, **Kim,** 3 and **Mark,** 2. Mrs. Norman's hobbies are skating and swimming) . . . Boer War veteran **Sandy Couper** talking about the time he used the crew's plum duff for a football . . . **Alex Straith** back from an Arizona vacation still impressed with the baseball ability of Willie Mays and a young outfield rookie with the Chicago Cubs named Walt Altman . . . **Darlene Irwin** buying for a wedding . . . **Bill Laidlaw** thinking about insurance . . . **Georgette Scriver** talking about obstetrics and pediatrics . . . **Bill Gilby** talking about Zen Buddhism . . . **Gayle Dunnett** enthusiastic about the prospects of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Juvenile Crisis Tops List

A possible crisis in Greater Victoria's handling of juvenile delinquents will be a major topic at the next meeting of the intermunicipal committee.

Mayor Percy Scurrah, chairman, said yesterday the committee will thoroughly discuss establishment of a juvenile and family court and—the immediate problem—the forthcoming resignation of Lt.-Col. W. S. Dingley, superintendent of the juvenile detention home on Coldharbor Road.

Mayor Scurrah said he had received one application for Col. Dingley's post.

Drivers Hurt

Drivers Laila Gjercle, 16, of 154 Government, and Woy Poy Tong, 2514 Rock Bay Avenue, were taken to hospital last night after their cars collided at Superior and Government. They were not seriously hurt.

Donations Total $156,000

Jubilee Campaign One-Third to Goal

Royal Jubilee Hospital's campaign to raise $410,000 for a new 190-bed wing has reached 35 per cent of its objective after two weeks.

Late yesterday campaign officials announced some $156,000 has been received. The fund is expected to take a big jump early next week when various campaign committees file their interim reports.

Hospital administrator George Masters said the bed shortage at Jubilee is still critical and there is no hope of its easing in the foreseeable future. He said hospital officials are being forced to postpone operations every day for lack of bed space.

Construction of the new wing at a cost of $2,500,000 will result in a net gain of 100 beds after allowing for closing old, non-acceptable medical beds in the frame unit at the rear.

If the current fund drive reaches its target of $410,000 by April 30, the rest of the money—some $2,000,000—will be obtained from government grants.

'Help Each Other As Pioneers Did'

Provincial archivist Willard Ireland said last night the people of the world should start "co-operating" in everyday life in the hope it will have an effect "in this chaotic world of today."

"In the uncertain days ahead we are going to have to help each other, as the pioneers of this province did," he told more than 350 Guide officials at the annual provincial banquet.

"But," he warned, "we need a sense of justice, even better than British justice," proving that "right is right."

"If it is to be applied around the world it would have to be done here first," Mr. Ireland said.

At the last official function of a two-day annual meeting, training session and conference with a theme of "Hands Around the World," he advised the Girl Guide leaders to start helping their fellow human beings "in their back yards."

Mr. Ireland said the people of this province have a "characteristic of drive in tough times" that comes from the first settlers.

Education Body Being Planned

Members of service clubs, Chambers of Commerce, PTAs, Retarded Childrens' Association, the district labor council and representatives of the Nanaimo Indian band have been invited to attend a meeting Thursday, in hopes of forming an education council in Nanaimo.

Vehicle Census: 50,083 in Area

Motor vehicle population in the Greater Victoria area is 50,083, motor vehicles branch superintendent George Lindsay said last night.

The figure includes 42,014 passenger vehicles and 8,069 commercial vehicles.

Total number of new licence registrations in 1958 licence year was 43,394. Total vehicles registered in the province last year was 511,203.

Doubled Fines Start

Dogs Can't Read But Owners Pay

Doubled fines for allowing dogs to run at large in Oak Bay went into effect in the municipality's police court yesterday, as five owners paid $5 each after pleading guilty.

One owner, C. G. Heisterman, 611 Foul Bay, said he had no choice but to plead guilty.

"I live in Victoria," he said, "and the dog was picked up in Oak Bay. But he can't read signs."

Eleanor Bull, 721 Monterey, who was fined for allowing her dog to trespass on a neighbor's property, asked Magistrate William Ostler:

"Shouldn't the neighbors let me know what my dog is doing, instead of this? Our dog is always tied up. At the time this happened, we were away on vacation. I have no idea how the dog got out."

"Some people are fussy about their dogs," the magistrate observed, "some are fussy about their gardens; some are fussy about both. Fortunately, I don't have to adjudicate in such matters. I can only deal with the charge as it comes before me."

Similar plea for a prior warning was voiced by dog-owner Howard Tomlin, 3150 Henderson, who thought the SPCA or police should advise owners that their dogs are causing trouble.

"That is a matter of SPCA policy," said the magistrate.

Others fined yesterday were Peter Forward, 2120 Beach, and Warren McWilliams, 2733 Bowker.

Busy Trip Starts For Mayor

Mayor Percy Scurrah will leave Victoria by air today to visit Toronto, attend an executive meeting of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities in Montreal, and help present a brief to the cabinet in Ottawa.

And while he is in Ottawa, he will try to find out if there is any hope of the federal government participating in construction of a civic auditorium for Victoria.

Premier Bennett said last month that the provincial government would pay one-third of the cost of an auditorium if the federal government and the city pay one-third each.

But he said the provincial government wouldn't pay one-third if the city paid two-thirds.

Surplus Stall Needs Home

Victoria's Surplus Food Stall, which for nine years has provided thousands of needy Victorians with supplies once a month, may have to fold unless it finds a new home.

The stall has been in the city market building ever since it was started, but the market building is soon to be demolished.

"We must find other accommodation immediately," Mrs. E. E. Harper, stall convener, said yesterday.

Mrs. Harper said that "the people of Victoria and district are very generous with their financial assistance, but all money is spent on food and there is certainly not sufficient to pay rent."

"The supplies come in very large quantities, such as a ton and a half of potatoes, 1,500 loaves of bread, and vegetables, meat, canned goods, jams and flour in like quantities."

She said more than 250 families depend on the stall for food parcels each month "and loss of the stall would mean a hardship to the hungry."

She is asking anyone who may be able to help to phone her at GR 4-1750.

40,000 Kept Off Streets — Varied Recreation

Parents: Push Parks

An appeal for co-operation of parents was made last night simultaneously with announcement of the expanded summer playground program for Victoria's parks.

Gordon Hartley, director of city playgrounds, said he expected attendance this summer to reach 40,000, some 5,000 more than used the playgrounds last year.

The program starts June 29 and runs through Aug. 7 at the following parks: Beacon Hill, Central, Oaklands, James Bay, Hollywood, Topaz, Redfern, Banfield, Stadacona — and a new addition this year, Macdonald Park.

Mr. Hartley appealed to parents to help keep school-age children off the streets during the long summer vacation by encouraging them to attend the nearest park playground daily.

At 10 city playgrounds, youngsters have a choice of organized games and activities, instruction in tennis and swimming, daily classes in handicrafts. In addition, each park has its own library, supplied with books for the summer by the public library.

A staff of 22—many of them school teachers—gives instruction in handicrafts—clay modelling, carpentry, weaving, shell craft and copper work. There are also classes in painting.

For those who prefer sports, there is a full program of organized games and activities including tennis, swimming, boxing, tumbling, volleyball, softball and soccer.

Special events include the children's annual fishing derby off the breakwater at the entrance to Victoria harbor, and the sandbox modelling contest finals on July 18.

Free tennis instruction, with balls supplied by the city at no charge, will culminate in a Greater Victoria tournament in the last week of July.

Mr. Hartley said most parents favor the playground program providing free recreation for their children. He pointed out they pay for it through city taxes and therefore should take advantage of the planned program.

Playground hours are 10.30 to 4.30 daily on Monday through Friday at the two larger parks, Beacon Hill and Central.

At others, playgrounds are open from 1 to 4.30 Monday through Friday.

Free swimming instruction is available in the Crystal Garden, for boys on Tuesday mornings and for girls on Friday mornings. This program starts July 3.

Chief instructor is Ross Gowing, and he has six trained assistants.

Mr. Hartley himself will supervise tennis instruction on Mondays at Central Park, Wednesdays at Stadacona Park, and Fridays at Hollywood Park. His assistant will be Victoria High School tennis champion Randall Smith.

City to Wait and See On Civil Defence Costs

Effect of the federal government's new civil defence policy on the local civil defence budget will be studied "as soon as we learn where we stand," Mayor Percy Scurrah said yesterday.

The federal government has announced plans to have the army take over some civil defence duties and to pay 75 per cent instead of 50 per cent of costs. The province now pays 25 per cent and the local areas 25 per cent.

Greater Victoria civil defence control board won't meet in the evening—as requested by Esquimalt council — if Mayor Scurrah has his way. And the mayor is chairman.

"As long as I'm chairman the meetings will be in the daytime. I have plenty of night meetings already, and I don't propose to add to them," he said.

Jet Aerobats May Fly Here

Victoria may see a display of precision aerobatics this summer by a group of four RCAF Sabre jets, the Golden Hawks.

Supported by CF-100s and T-33 trainers, the Golden Hawks are performing across the country to mark the golden anniversary of aviation in Canada.